

**Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority
Board Meeting, July 15, 2020
Zoom Teleconference**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Water Authority) held July 15, 2020.

1. Call to order

Chair Mary Fast called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Directors/Alternate Directors Present:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis (alternate)
Brock Buche, City of Fresno (alternate)
Ken Moore, City of Kerman (alternate)
Philip Romero, City of Parlier (alternate)
Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Scott Robertson, City of Selma (alternate)
Buddy Mendes, County of Fresno
Denise England, County of Tulare (alternate)
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Frank Fowler, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Dennis Mills, Kings County Water District (alternate)
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District (alternate)
Jerry Rai, Raisin City Water District

Members Absent:

Alta Irrigation District
City of Dinuba
City of Sanger
Consolidated Irrigation District

Interested Parties Present:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Sean Ray, Bakman Water Company
Buddy Mendes, North Fork Kings GSA
Sonia Sanchez, Self-Help Enterprises
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District
Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Interested Parties Absent:

Biola Community Services District
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia Chapter
California State University, Fresno
City of Kingsburg
City of Orange Cove
City of San Joaquin
Community Water Center
County of Kings
Cutler Public Utilities District
East Orosi Community Services District
Easton Community Services District
El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
Hardwick Water Company
James Irrigation District
Malaga County Water District
Kings River Conservancy
Kings River Water Association

Laguna Irrigation District
Lanare Community Services District
Liberty Canal Company
Liberty Water District
London Community Services District
McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Mid-Valley Water District
Orosi Public Utilities District
Pinedale County Water District
Riverdale Irrigation District
Riverdale Public Utility District
Sanger Environmental Fund
Sierra Resource Conservation District
Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter
Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership
US Cooperative Extension – Fresno

Others Present:

Michael Prado Jr., Sultana Community Services District
Alan Hofmann, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Jim Petty, Riverdale Public Utilities District
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard
Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD
Debra Dunn, KRCD
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno

2. Addition to or Deletion from the Agenda

None.

3. Public Presentations

None.

4. Consider Approval of the April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alternate Director Peschel, seconded by Director Fowler, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the April 15, 2020 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. Request to Approve Quarterly Financial Reports

Chair Fast called on Brian Trevarrow to report on the quarterly financials for the period April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the quarterly financial reports be approved as presented.

6. Recommendation to Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Brian Trevarrow reported that the Budget Ad Hoc Committee recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. Trevarrow highlighted that 2020 was the last year that the Water Authority would reimburse KRCD for data management system costs. The costs were repaid over a ten-year period. It was moved by Director Mendes, seconded by Director Fowler, and unanimously carried that the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget of the Water Authority be approved as presented.

7. Director Reports

None.

8. Advisory Committee Report

Chair Fast called on Advisory Committee Chair Jim Maciel to provide a report on Advisory Committee activities on June 17, 2020. Maciel reported that the Advisory Committee received staff reports and provided recommendations to the Board to consider acceptance of XiO, Inc. as a new Interested Party and to modify the IRWMP and Storm Water Resources Plan project lists to include eight new projects.

9. Staff Reports

A. Planning and Implementation Contracts – Soua Lee reported that Round 1 of the Prop 1 Storm Water Implementation Grant Program ended on July 1, 2020. At least three Member and Interested Party agencies applied to the Storm Water Grant Program. Lee also provided an update on the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program and invited Director Denise England, Project Manager for the DAC Involvement Program for the Tulare-Kern Funding Area, to provide a demo on the disadvantaged communities (DAC) GIS Story Map tool. The Story Map tool is an online mapping tool that contains water supply and quality data on DACs within the Tulare-Kern Funding Area. Self-Help Enterprises representative Sonia Sanchez noted that the Story Map includes an informative demonstration video to show how to use the Story Map tool.

B. Inter-regional and Statewide Coordination – Lee provided an update on the planned activities of the Roundtable of Regions for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

C. Public Information – Lee reported that the Outreach Workgroup held two meetings to date to update the KBWA Highlight Brochure. The work of the Workgroup is ongoing.

D. Legislation – Lee reported that the Climate Resiliency Bond that was proposed by Governor Newsom will not be on the November 2020 ballot.

E. Administrative Items – None to report.

F. Other – None to report.

10. Request by XiO, Inc. to become an Interested Party

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee made a recommendation to the Board to consider accepting XiO, Inc. as an Interested Party. XiO, Inc. completed a Letter of Interest and Questionnaire, but requested to delay submittal of a resolution in support of the IRWMP until after Board approval. Lee reported that she contacted DWR regarding any boundary change requirements should XiO, Inc. be approved admission. DWR confirmed that a boundary amendment is not required for each time a new Member or Interested Party is brought into the IRWM. John Peairs, XiO, Inc. representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation on XiO, Inc’s work and accomplishments in being able to help various agencies and communities collaborate. It was moved by Director Fowler, seconded by Alternate Director Robertson, and unanimously carried that XiO, Inc. be approved as an Interested Party and a resolution documenting support of the IRWMP be submitted no later than 90 days.

11. Request by Modify the IRWMP and SWRP Project Lists

Lee reported that the Advisory Committee made a recommendation to the Board to consider the addition of the following eight projects to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) project list and the City of Parlier’s Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project to the Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) project list.

New IRWMP Projects	New SWRP Projects
James ID – Main Canal Booster Improvement Project	-
James ID – Lake Avenue Canal Project	-
James ID – Basin Two Improvement Project	-
James ID – Levee Three Project	-
James ID – Telemetry and Automation Project	-
Riverdale ID – Blythe Avenue Recharge Basins	-
CSU Fresno – Single Portal GSP Toolbox for Small DACs – Easton and Lanare	-
City of Parlier – Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project	City of Parlier – Flood Control and Groundwater Banking Project

It was moved by Director Fowler, seconded by Alternate Director Buche, and unanimously carried that the IRWMP and SWRP project lists be modified to include eight new IRWMP projects and one SWRP project.

12. Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors is October 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Farm Bureau, but subject to change.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fast
Chair

Approved